



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6801

January Session, 2005

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AN ACT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY OF LIBRARY RECORDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 11-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (a) The libraries established under the provisions of this chapter,
4 and any free public library receiving a state appropriation, shall
5 annually make a report to the State Library Board.

6 (b) (1) [Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-210, personally
7 identifiable information contained in the circulation records of all
8 public libraries shall be confidential.] Notwithstanding section 1-210,
9 records maintained by libraries that can be used to identify any library
10 user, or link any user to a library transaction, regardless of format,
11 shall be kept confidential, except that the records may be disclosed to
12 officers, employees and agents of the library, as necessary for
13 operation of the library.

14 (2) Information contained in such records shall not be released to
15 any third party, except (A) pursuant to a court order, or (B) with the
16 written permission of the library user whose personal information is
17 contained in the records.

18 (3) For purposes of this subsection, "library" includes any library

19 regularly open to the public, whether public or private, maintained by
20 any industrial, commercial or other group or association, or by any
21 governmental agency, but does not include libraries maintained by
22 schools and institutions of higher education.

23 (4) No provision of this subsection shall be construed to prevent a
24 library from publishing or making available to the public statistical
25 reports regarding library registration and use of library materials, if
26 such reports do not contain personally identifying information.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2005	11-25
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